

CASE: 0951

RECOMMENDED FOR CONTINUED JOINT INVESTIGATION. (REF 12)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 17 DECEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0953-0-01 (ACCNO 5680) Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: MARTIN, SAMMY ARTHUR Date Status assigned: 18 Feb 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	GREY	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	16 Oct 1942	Weight	180 lb / 81.5 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: WATER SITE
UTM: 48QYE283304
Lat/Long: 172658N / 1070860E
Country: OVER WATER - VN
Military Region: \$
Mission Province: VN - OVERWATER
(formerly):
Mission District: VN - OVERWATER
Mission Date: 27 Dec 1967
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

No Information Available

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4C	Serial: 7489
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J79
Call Sign: CARBINE 01	1 Serial: 418204
Year: 63	2 Serial: 418227

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

22 January 1976

ON 27 DECEMBER 1967 1LT SAMMY A. MARTIN, PILOT, AND MAJ HORACE W. MILLER, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, WERE FLYING AN F4C AIRCRAFT, (#63-7489), ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. IN THE TARGET AREA THE AIRCRAFT WAS STRUCK BY HOSTILE FIRE, FORCING BOTH CREWMEMBERS TO EJECT OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER WAS SUCCESSFULLY RECOVERED BY SEARCH AND RESCUE AIRCRAFT. 1LT MARTIN WAS HIGHLY EXCITED DURING HIS ATTEMPTED RESCUE AND SLIPPED FROM THE HORSE COLLAR AS HE WAS BEING HOISTED INTO A NAVY RESCUE HELICOPTER.

THE FLIGHT ENGINEER AND CO-PILOT OF THE HELICOPTER TRIED TO HOLD HIM, BUT HE SLIPPED FROM THEIR GRASP AND FELL INTO THE WATER FIVE FEET BELOW. HE WAS SEEN THRASHING IN THE WATER AND WAS CARRIED UPWARD BY A WAVE, AND FINALLY DISAPPEARED BENEATH THE WATER IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YE 283 304. THE RESCUE HELICOPTER REPOSITIONED TO ATTEMPT ANOTHER RESCUE, BUT LT MARTIN COULD NOT BE LOCATED. AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT SUCCESS. THE LOSS OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY 20 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE NEAREST POINT OF LAND. A CONCLUSIVE DETERMINATION OF DEATH WAS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE ON 10 JAN 68. (REF 1 & 2)

AN OVERWATER/AT-SEA CASUALTY RESOLUTION OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1973 TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY/DESIRABILITY OF EXPANDING SUCH OPERATIONS TO BE USED IN CASES SUCH AS THIS. BASED ON THE COMBINED FACTORS OF COST AND LACK OF ANY POSITIVE RESULTS WHATSOEVER, THE AT-SEA OPERATIONS WERE TERMINATED. 1LT MARTIN IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

22 January 1976

REFERENCES: <1> MSG, 37TH ARRS, DA NANG AB, RVN, AFIN: 74584, 281047Z DEC 67. <2> RPT, DAF, DD FORM 1300, 10 JAN 68.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

13 December 1993

DURING THE 28 JULY 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI, A LIST OF CASES INVOLVING 168 UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL PRESUMABLY LOST OVER WATER AT LEAST 10 KILOMETERS FROM THE COAST OF VIETNAM WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. THE VIETNAMESE WERE ASKED TO UNILATERALLY REVIEW THEIR RECORDS FOR RELEVANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE CASES.

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0954-0-01 (ACCNO 0664)	Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: CLAPPER, GEAN PRESTON	Date Status assigned: 1 May 1978	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit DATA
Service AIR FORCE	Sex MALE	Blood type O +
Grade E5	Hair BROWN	Complexion FAIR
SSAN	Eyes BLUE	Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No DATA	Height 67 in /1.70 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date 24 Jul 1932	Weight 156 lb / 70.7 kg	Duty pos RADIO OPR
Home State PENNSYLVANIA	Religion OTHER	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QUK315501
Lat/Long: 220859N / 1032157E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: LAI CHAU
(formerly):
Mission District: TUA CHUA
Mission Date: 29 Dec 1967 0430L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Oct 92
Surveys: Oct 92
Excavations: Oct 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: C130E	Serial: 547
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: T567A
Call Sign: #	1 Serial: 104094
Year: 64	2 Serial: 105504

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